

Australian organic farmer Marsh who sued for GMO contamination must pay Baxter \$800k for court costs

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A West Australian farmer who tried to sue his neighbour after genetically modified canola blew on to his land, contaminating his organic crop, must now pay a hefty court costs bill after a stay order was lifted.

Kojonup farmer Steve Marsh failed in his lawsuit against childhood friend Michael Baxter in 2014, saying he had lost organic certification for 70% of his farm because of contamination from Baxter's herbicide-resistant crop.

Marsh had sought \$85,000 in damages, but was instead ordered to pay court [costs of about \\$804,000](#).

Last year, the full bench of the court of appeal unanimously allowed Marsh's challenge to the costs order, ruling it should be stayed until further order, which came on [March 22].

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